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Fenestration for the entire original structure is vertically aligned and proportionally scaled. Windows are rectangular, double hung, holding two-over-two lights, underlined by projecting wooden sills and decorated with shutters.

The central entrance door of the west facade is a rectangular, cross paneled door, flanked by two vertical side lights, surmounted by a three light transom. Three wide, poured-in-place concrete steps lead to the cement landing (resting on a cinder block foundation) of a one story high, hipped roof, open porch, supported by four scrolled, wooden posts and two half posts, which rum along the entire west facade of the building.

The batten wood cellar entrance to this section of the house is located in the center of its south wall and features three ashlar cut granite steps. The interior features a central hall and staircase with scrolled spindles and original knewel post, with parlors off each side, which feature central mantle pieces.

The building is noteworthy historically as a home of the Collins family, who settled in Howard County, circa 1851.

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Fenestration for the entire original structure is vertically aligned and proportionally scaled. Windows are rectangular, double hung, holding two-over-two lights, underlined by projecting wooden sills and decorated with shutters. Two square, one light attic windows only, occur on the south elevation of the front section, while its north wall holds no attic windows but a first and second floor window east of center. This wall also features a square, cinder block exterior chimney, west of center. Those windows in the new kitchen hold six-over-six lights, rather than two-over-two.

The central entrance door of the west facade is a rectangular, cross paneled door, flanked by two vertical side lights, surmounted by a three light transom. Three wide, poured in place concrete steps lead to the cement landing (resting on a cinder block foundation) of a one story high, hipped roof, open porch, supported by four scrolled wooden posts and two half posts, which runs along the entire west facade of the building.

The batten wood cellar entrance, to this section of the house, is located in the center of its south wall and features three ashlar cut granite steps.

The interior features a central hall and staircase with scrolled spindles and original knewel post, with parlors off each side, which feature central mantle pieces on their walls, whose architraves are decorated with circular medallions and curvilinear paneling and whose mantle shelves are held by scrolled brackets, resting on fluted pilasters which flank the fireplaces. All the mantle pieces of the building, upstairs and downstairs are similar. In addition, floors in the original section of the house are of random width, while interior cross paneled doors feature china door knobs.

A large sheep barn lies east of the house, whose north and west sides border on an industrial park.

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The Collins House is significant to Howard County, the State of Maryland and the United States in two areas. Architecturally, it is an example of the romanesque revival of the mid to late nineteenth century as evidenced in the American domestic frame architecture and historically, it is associated with the Collins family, who settled and farmed this area of Howard County for over a century and is noted on the Martenet Map of 1860 and the Hopkins Atlas of 1878.

The house is constructed in an "L" plan, featuring a central intersecting gable on its front facade which holds a roman arched, double-hung window, with two-over-two lights. This is the sole romanesque element of the house, which otherwise features rectangular, double-hung windows with two-over-two lights. Brick chimneys are inset into its end walls with the dining room-kitchen wing, extending from the north side of the east wall of the house, forming the "L". A square brick chimney is inset into its east wall.

The building is similar to other two and a half story high, gabled roof, frame farm houses which dot the Howard County landscape and feature a central hall and staircase, with living room and dining room on either side of the hall, and a kitchen wing creating the "L" plan.

It is, however, the thoughtful and sensitive treatment of the building's alterations, which insure its architectural integrity and give it its greatest significance. These alterations do not interfere or compete with the building's basic profile. They leave the front facade completely untouched, adding to the east wall of the kitchen and continuing its intersecting gable roof line, as well as the line of its north and south walls. This forms a new, modern kitchen, added to the house in 1931, which creates a dining room out of the original kitchen. Along the south wall of the kitchen-dining room unit extends a one story high, shed roofed enclosure, which may have originally been an open porch. It has been enclosed, its east and west sides serving as a vestibule with bath in its central section. An additional, one story high, gabled roof, wash house has been constructed on the new kitchen's east wall and rests on a cinder block foundation, which does not interfere with the tight and compact appearance of the original building. Historically, the building was constructed circa 1895 by the parents of Mr. Harry Lee Collins, who was born in the house in 1899.

The architectural style of the building as well as its random width floors, four similar wooden mantle pieces, and interior, cross paneled doors with china door knobs, are all representative of this period.

The farm belonged to Mr. and Mrs. Collins who raised sheep here and fruit orchards west of the house. The barn, east of the house, still stands.

It now adjoins an industrial park on its north, east and west sides and the new low income housing, constructed within the Guilford Redevelopment Area on its south boundary.

For these reasons, the house should be included in the National Register of Historic Sites, the State Critical Areas Program and any local landmark ordinance, which the citizens of Howard County may seek to inact.

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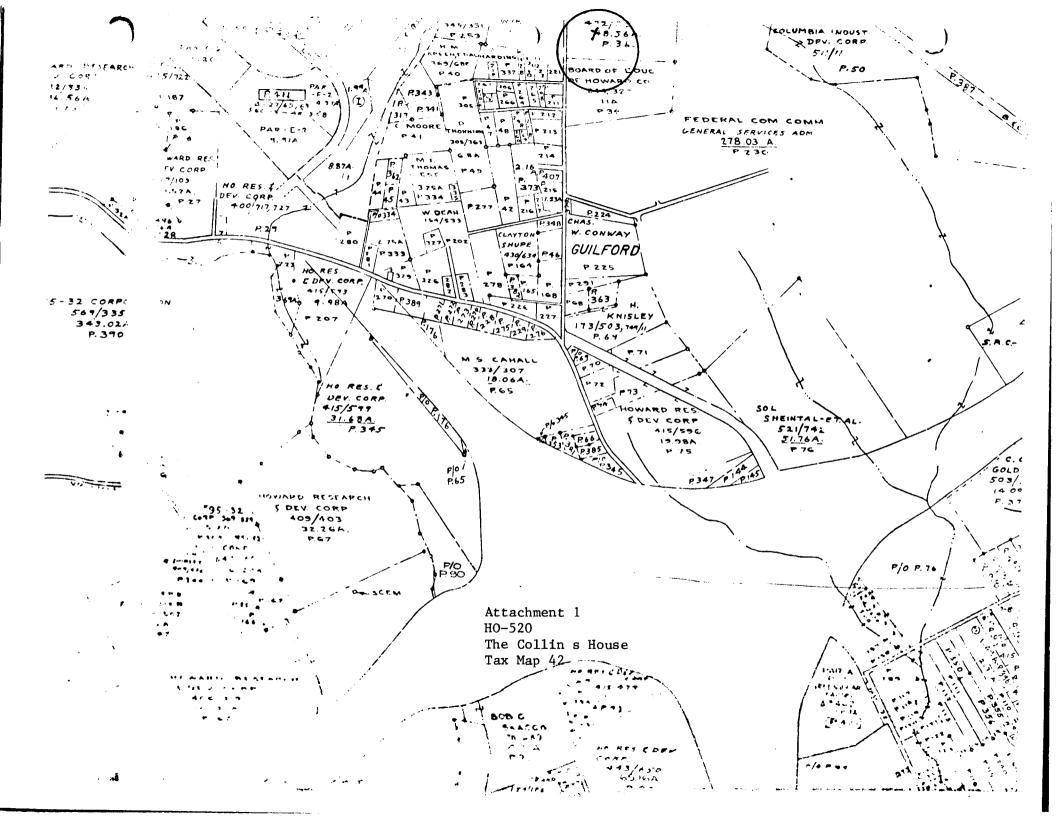
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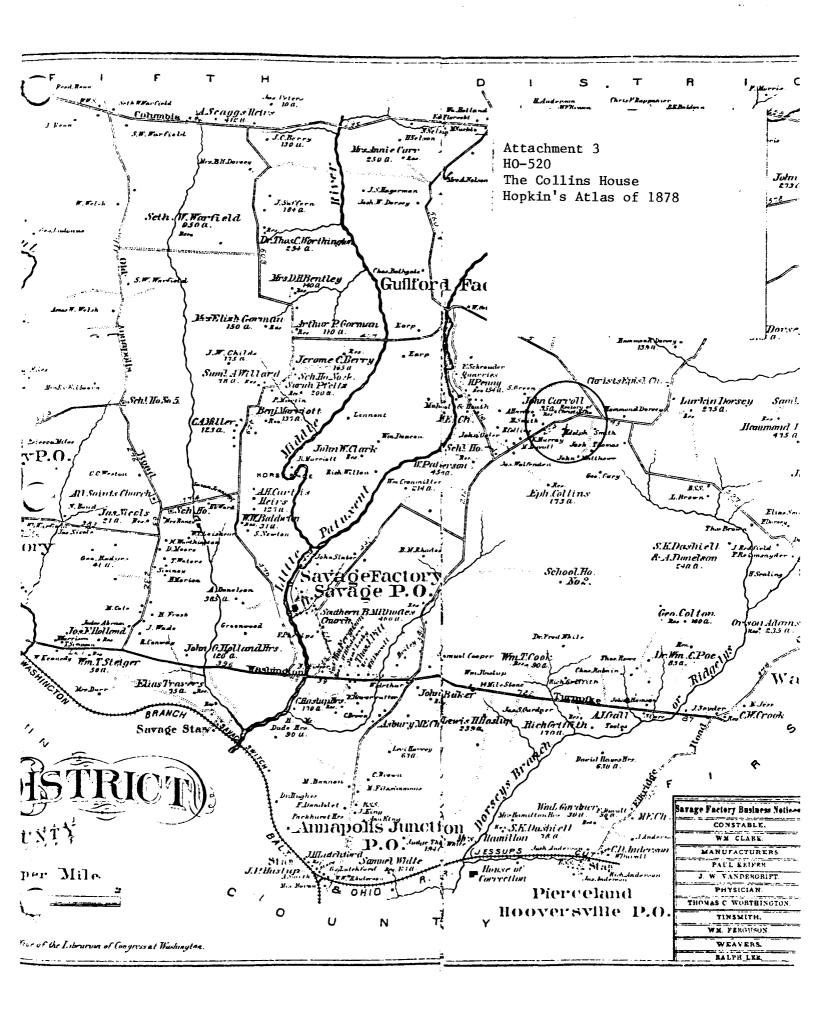
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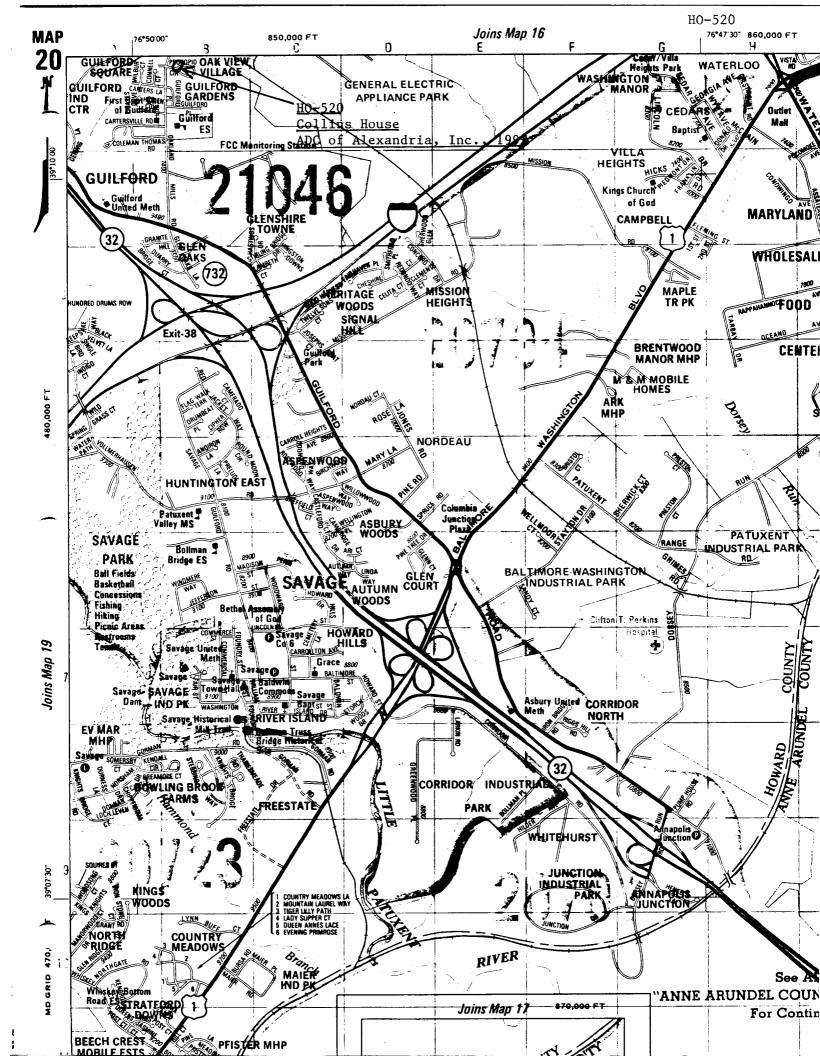
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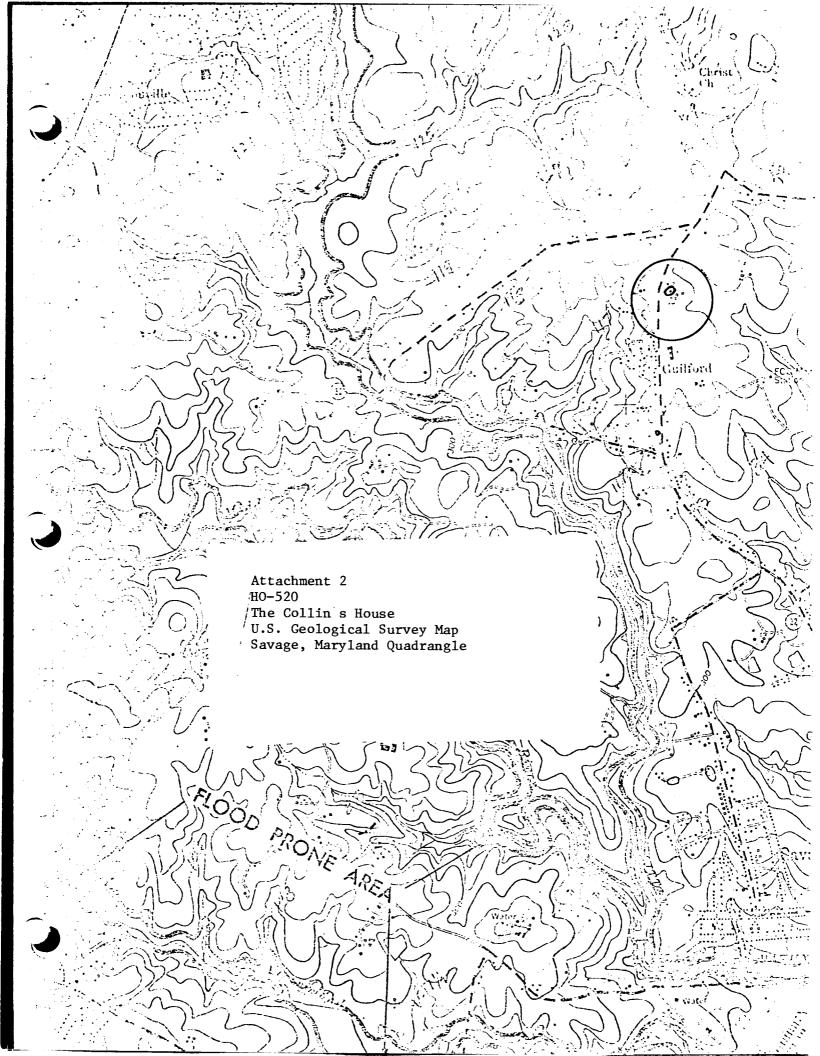
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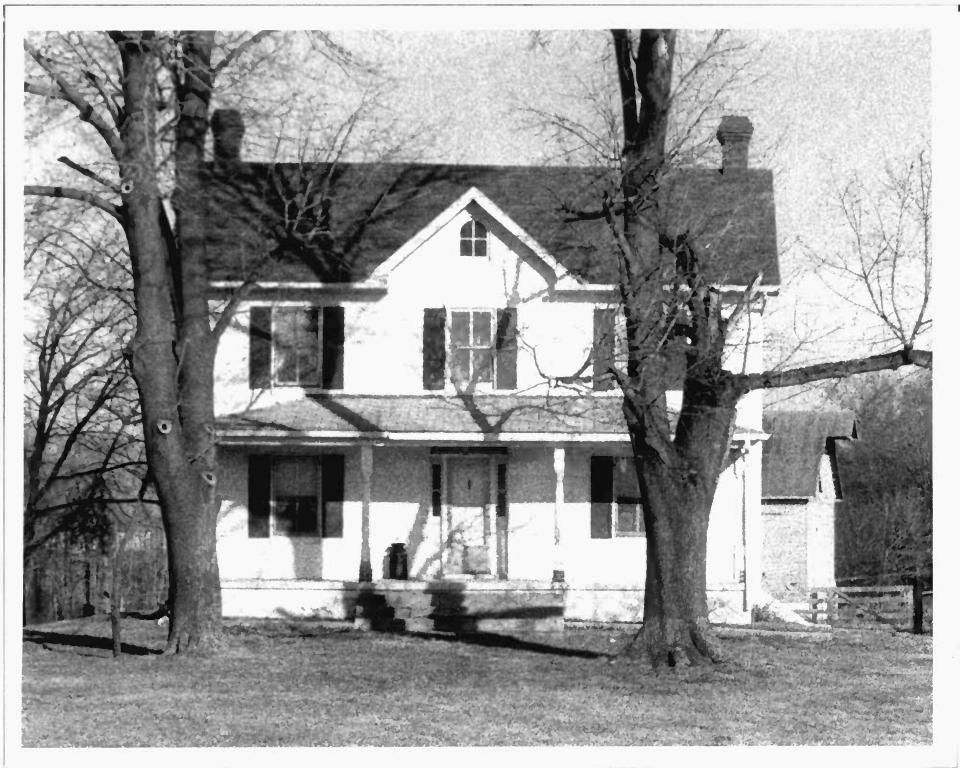
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